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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Bruce SMITH :
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
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For: AN OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION METHOD UTILIZING GRAY BARS AS
SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/271,880, filed on February 27, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.--
